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| Invention: <b>ELECTRICAL ADAPTER FOR PROTECTING ELECTRICAL INTERFACES</b>  |                                 |   |                                |                              |                        |
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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 14, 2004, set forth below is a revised Claim Amendments section that replaces the Claim Amendments Section of the amendment document filed on August 19, 2004. The replacement Claim Amendments section includes a complete listing of all of the claims including withdrawn claims 12-33. In view of this submission, applicant respectfully submits that the amendment document filed on August 19, 2004 is now in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.121.